

Washington, DC- Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, co-chair of the Labor and Working Families Caucus, issued the following statement today as the Bush Administration announced the Davis-Bacon Act will be reinstated for reconstruction projects along the Gulf Coast related to Hurricane Katrina. The act, which had been temporarily waived, ensures that workers hired for government projects are paid prevailing local wages, usually the union rate.

“I am very pleased that President Bush finally relented and reinstated Davis-Bacon, almost two months after he first suspended it. The President’s bad judgment and refusal to reinstate Davis-Bacon the last two months resulted in lost jobs and wages for hard-working people in the Gulf Coast who were displaced by low-paid out-of-state workers. I hope that this action will give a boost to the hundreds of thousands of workers in the Gulf Region who are rebuilding their lives and communities.”